

Nov. 21, 1900.

Mr. Ruthven Deane,

Chairman Finance Committee.

My dear Mr. Deane:

Heretofore it has been the practice of the Union to send the January number of the Auk to every subscriber and also to every Active and Associate member whether their dues had been paid or not. This has been the custom for a long number of years; it is contrary to the By-laws of the Union which state that only such persons whose subscriptions or dues are paid shall receive it. <sup>(The Auk).</sup> This practice, if continued, is going to create considerable more work for the business manager, and I see no reason why we should not now live up to the By-laws. As a matter of fact we usually distribute some 40 or 50 numbers of the January Auk for which we absolutely get no return as there has been, for the past few years, about that number of persons dropped for non-payment of dues each year. I suppose that it would be very much better for us to live up to our By-laws and not send out any copies of the Auk until the subscriber or member is entitled to it by payment of his subscription or his dues.

If my suggestion is adopted, it would not be necessary for us to have an extra edition of 50 copies of the January number.

I send a copy of this letter to every member of the Finance Committee with the request that they make their reply to you. After you have received the same, please let me know the consensus of opinion and whether my suggestion is adopted or not.

I can see no good reason why anyone should receive the

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Auk until after he has paid his dues in conformity with the By-laws of the Union.

A very early reply with directions to the business manager in this matter is urgently requested.

Very truly yours,

Dear Mr. Brewster:

The above is a copy of a letter just sent to the Chairman of the Finance Committee. After giving the subject matter due consideration, please make your reply to Mr. Deane as early as possible.

Cover: Sam. Levin

Nov. 21, 1950.

Amosia G. Smith  
Biology Department

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